

Minutes of EUDET Institution Board (IB)
EUDET Annual Meeting, Paris, Palaiseau
8th of October, 2007

Present: J.Mnich, T.Behnke, F.Sefkow, T.Haas, K.Desch, P.Colas, L.Linssen, H.Videau, J.Timmermans, R.Orava, N.van Remortel, W.Wierba, M.Wing, L.Joensson, M.Pohl, D.Cussans, A.Kaukher, M.Caccia, N.Potylitsina-Kube

Guests: L.Rolandi(ESAB), D.Karlen(ESAB), I.Fleck(USIEG), X.Janssen(IIHP), A.F.Zarnecki(UWAR).

1) Approval of agenda

The agenda was approved without objection.

2) (Re-) election of IB chair for 2008/09

JM proposes to re-elect Leif Joensson as chairman for IB. The proposal was unanimously welcomed and L.Joensson was re-elected without objection.

3) Election of JRA1 coordinator

JRA1 coordinator T.Haas will step down because of new duties. T.Haas proposes Ingrid Gregor(DESY) as candidate. The IB welcomes his candidature and it was decided unanimously that I.Gregor will take over this activity as a new JRA1 coordinator.

4) Approval of new associates (IIHP, Brussels)

X.Janssen presents his working group and the fields where the applicant already collaborated with EUDET. The application of IIHP is unanimously welcomed and approved.

5) Status Annual Report 2006 +

6) Proposal and approval of time schedule for Annual Report 2007

JM reports on the AR2006 and points out some time problems, which was also the reason of delay for the 2nd Instalment. Therefore some partners had financial deficits. To avoid that situation for the future report period and especially taking into account that the deadline for AR2007 will collide with the possible application for FP7, JM proposes the time schedule which was approved after some discussion without objections.

7) Status and plans of EUDET

L.Joensson gives an introduction to the FP7 discussion. He presents some background information to the FP7 program and proposes to discuss the possibilities to continue the EUDET project within that frame program.

8) Discussion and plans for FP7

JM shows short general information about FP7 und presents two options to work out for the new FP7-application:

A) EUDET-2:

Here one will expect more innovative ideas

B) Cooperate with other European detector R&D projects

It's to expect that there will be pressure to go for option B (RECFA)
During the discussion opinions were expressed that due to the number of contractors, with option "B" one may lose the focused research target which is present in nowadays project.

The most severe obstruction by decision "B" could be the number of contractors and the fear not to be able to manage it.

K.Desch states that option "B" could have a complete different nature in comparison to EUDET and is afraid about to lose the success of EUDET.

JM mentions that the budget does not play the main role for the decision between A and B because it would be a comparable amount. But it is very important to preserve the collaboration and to give also smaller institutions a chance to participate.

One should not have fear because of the size of "B". If the management body will be organised in a clever way it would be possible to convince the EU commission for option "B". But the synergy effects which could be reached by "B" should not be ignored.

An additional point to keep in mind: one should collect names of possible referees for the Mid-Term review.

Gigi reminds the community to collect first the scientific ideas. This should be the first step, the decision between A and B can be done also later - but one should immediately start with the preparation of the proposal.

HV mentions that the financial point of view is less important in comparison to political aspects.

Gigi supports HV and adds that from the political viewpoint option "B" has very strong chance for success.

Leif invokes everybody to collect ideas and to keep in mind the deadline (15th February).

It is also decided to organise some kind of project office.

9) Venue and date of Annual Meeting of 2008

For the next annual meeting FOM/NIKHEF (Amsterdam) is proposed as host institution. The final date should be defined later, after pointing out possible collisions with meetings in October 2008.

10) AOB

There is nothing to discuss.